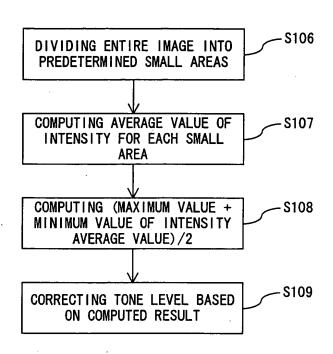


F I G. 1



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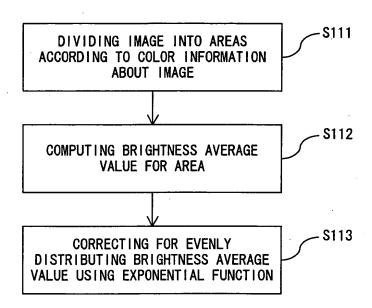
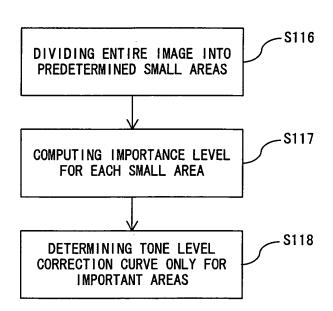
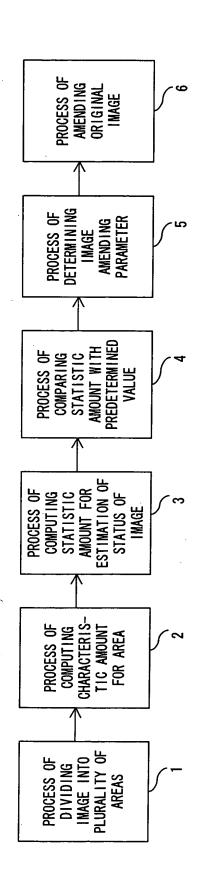


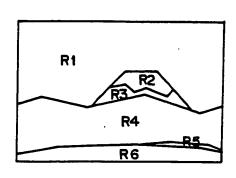
FIG. 3



F I G. 4



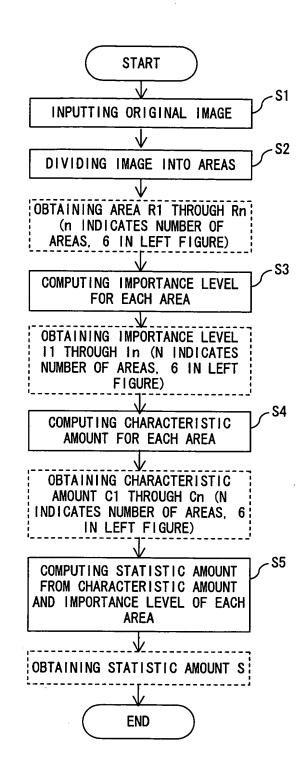
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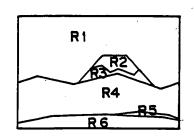
AREA	IMPORTANCE LEVEL COMPUTATION RESULT
R1	11
R2	12
R6	16

AREA	CHARACTERISTIC AMOUNT COMPUTATION RESULT
R1	C 1
R2	C2
R6	C6

STATISTIC AMOUNT COMPUTATION RESULT S



F I G. 6



AREA	L% VALUE COMPUTATION RESULT
Rnew1	87
Rnew2	79
Rnew3	52
Rnew4	22
Rnew5	43

L% AVERAGE VALUE COMPUTATION RESULT 57

START
INPUTTING ORIGINAL IMAGE
REDUCING UPPER, LOWER, LEFT, AND RIGHT SIDES AT EQUAL RATIO SUCH THAT LONG SIDE CONTAINS 256 PIXELS
APPLYING MEDIAN FILTERING
DIVIDING AREAS ACCORDING TO POSITIONAL INFORMATION AND TONE LEVEL INFORMATION
OBTAINING AREA R1 THROUGH Rn (n INDICATES NUMBER OF AREAS, 6 IN LEFT FIGURE)
IGNORING AREA HAVING 3% OR LESS OF PIXELS NUMBER IN ALL PIXEL NUMBER
IGNORING R5 IN LEFT FIGURE (R1, R2, R3, R4 R6 ARE REDEFINED AS Rnew1 THROUGH Rnew5)
COMPUTING CHARACTERISTIC AMOUNT FOR EACH AREA (AVERAGE VALUE L* VALUE)
OBTAINING M CHARACTERISTIC AMOUNTS (m INDICATES NUMBER OF Rnew, 5 IN LEFT FIGURE)
COMPUTING STATISTIC AMOUNT FROM CHARACTERISTIC AMOUNT OF EACH AREA (AVERAGE VALUE AMONG AREAS)
OBTAINING STATISTIC AMOUNT
COMPUTING 7 VALUE OF CORRECTION CURVE OF IMAGE OBTAINING CORRECTION CURVE
OBTAINING CORRECTION CURVE
CONVERTING ORIGINAL IMAGE INTO CIE LAB VALUE AND APPLYING CORRECTION CURVE TO L* VALUE
END

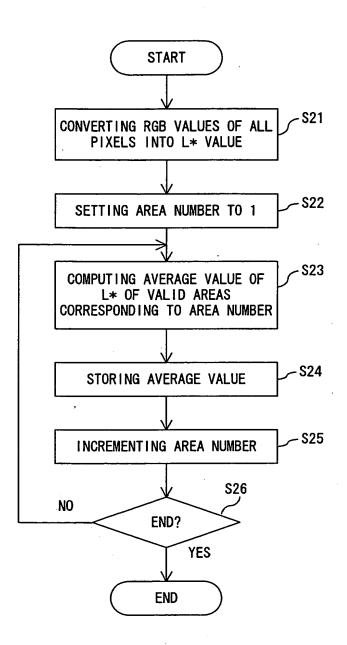
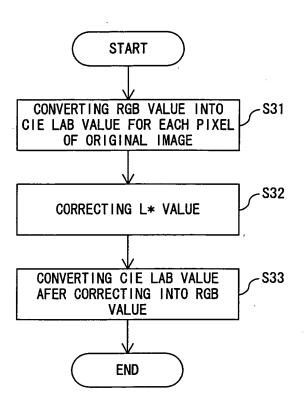


FIG. 8



F I G. 9

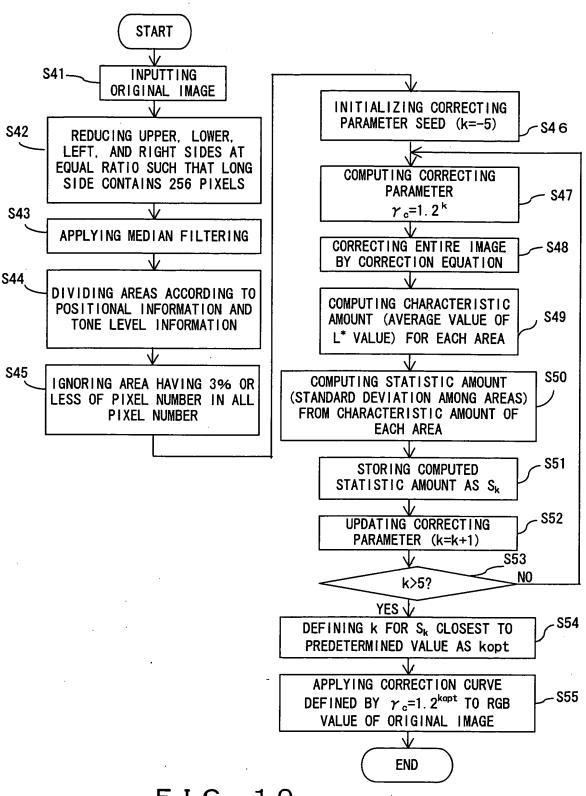


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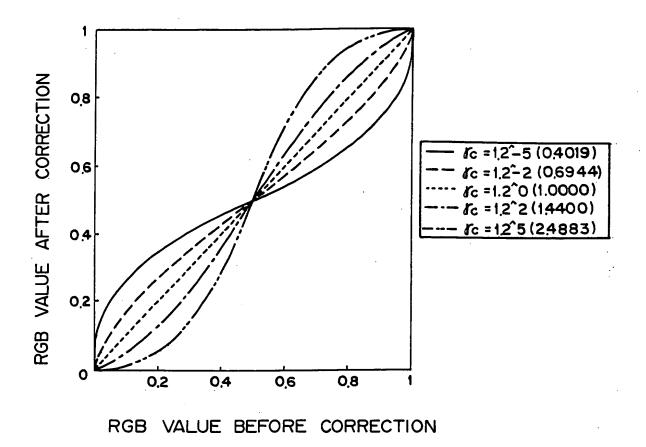
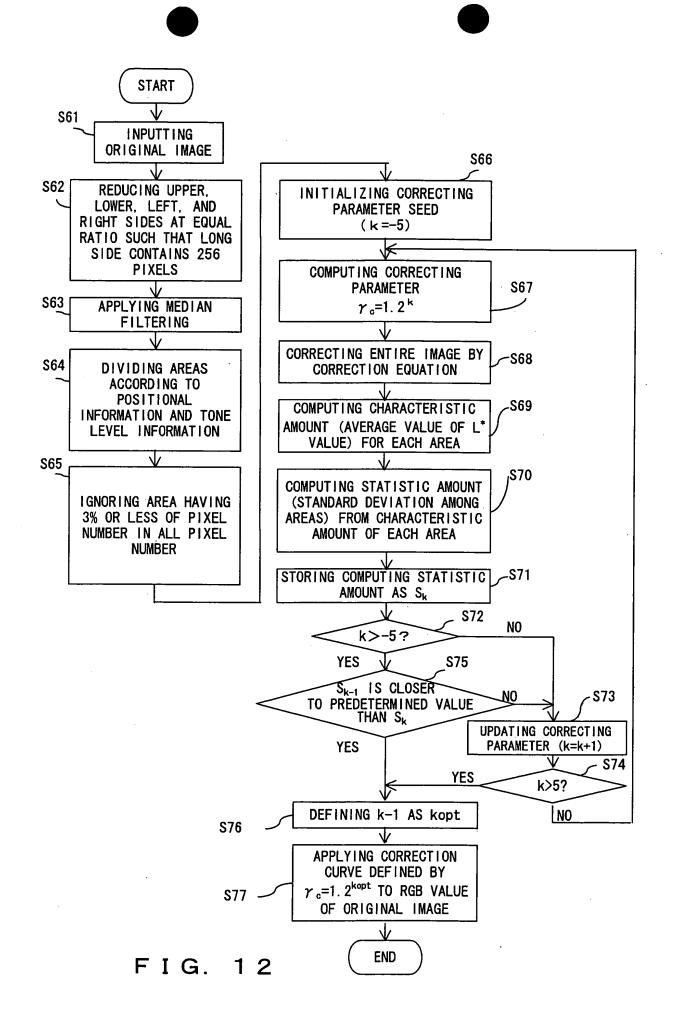


FIG. 11



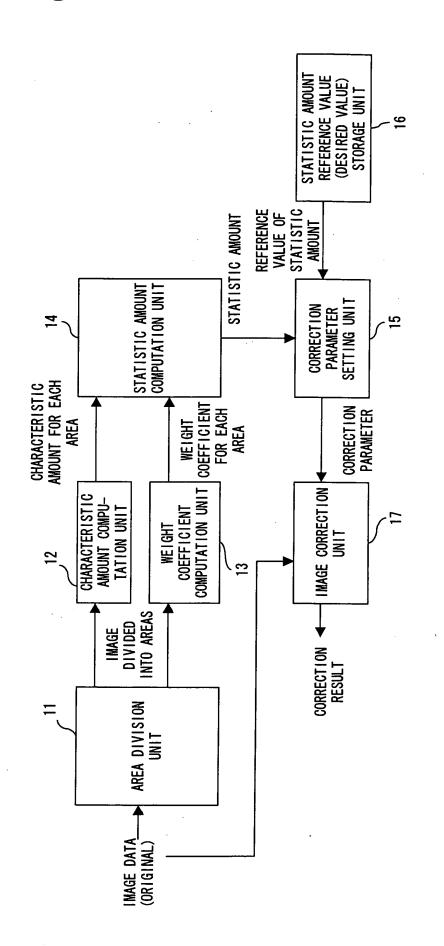
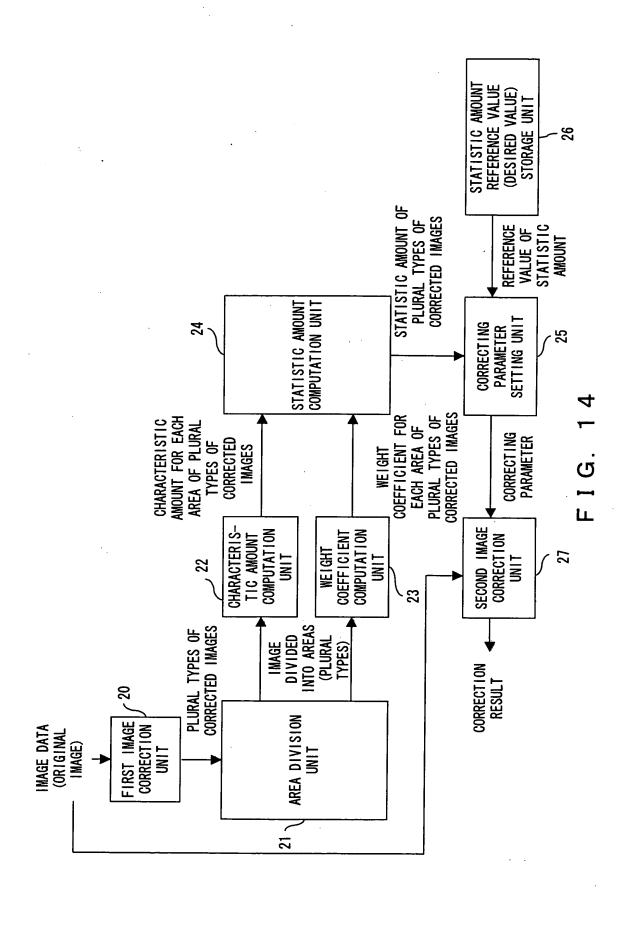
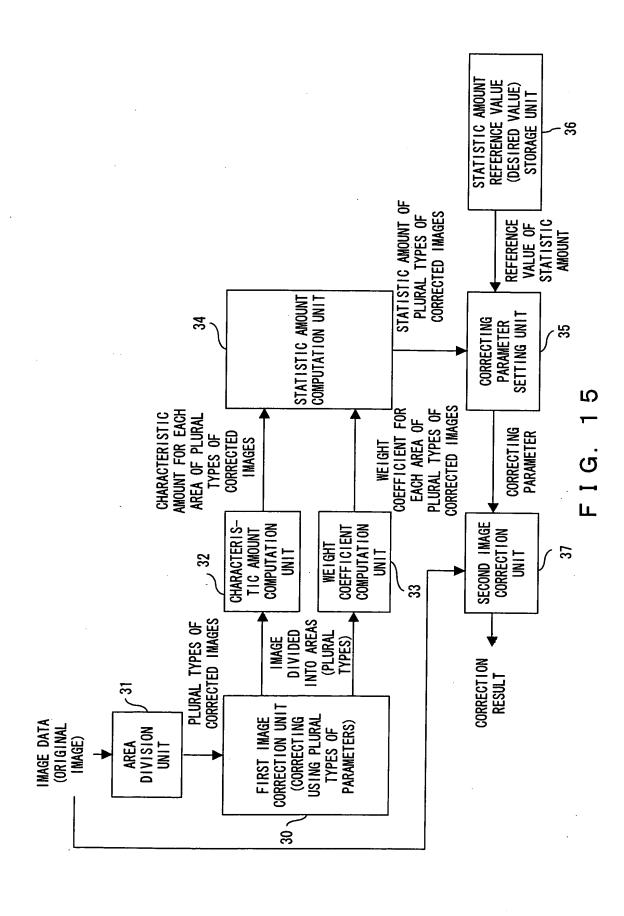
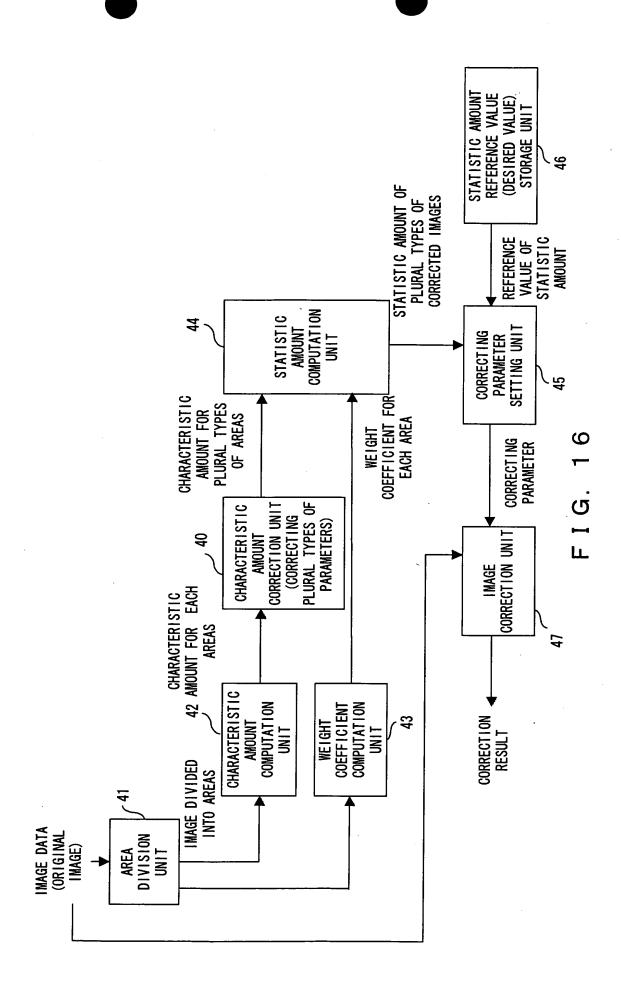
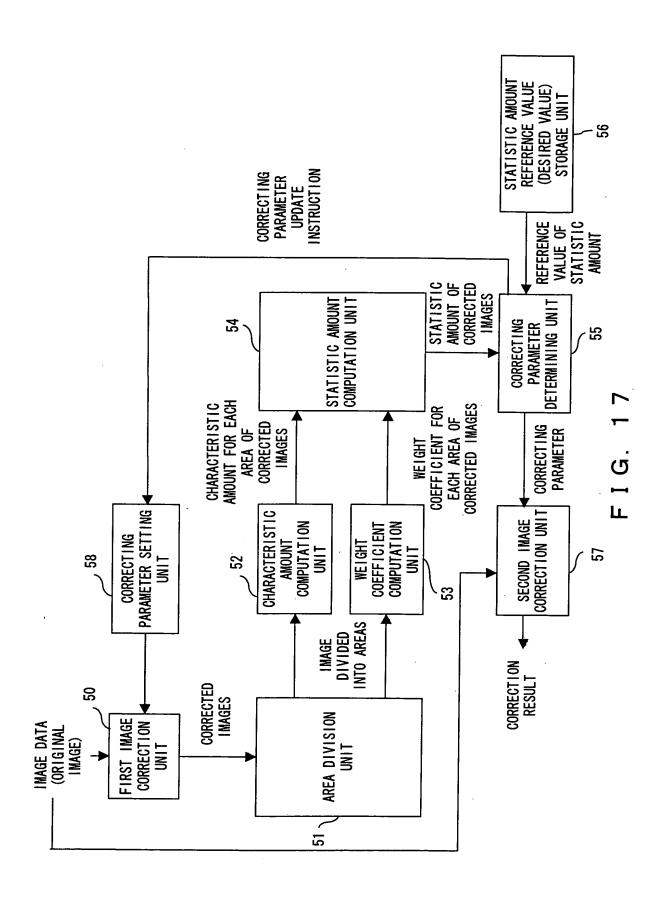


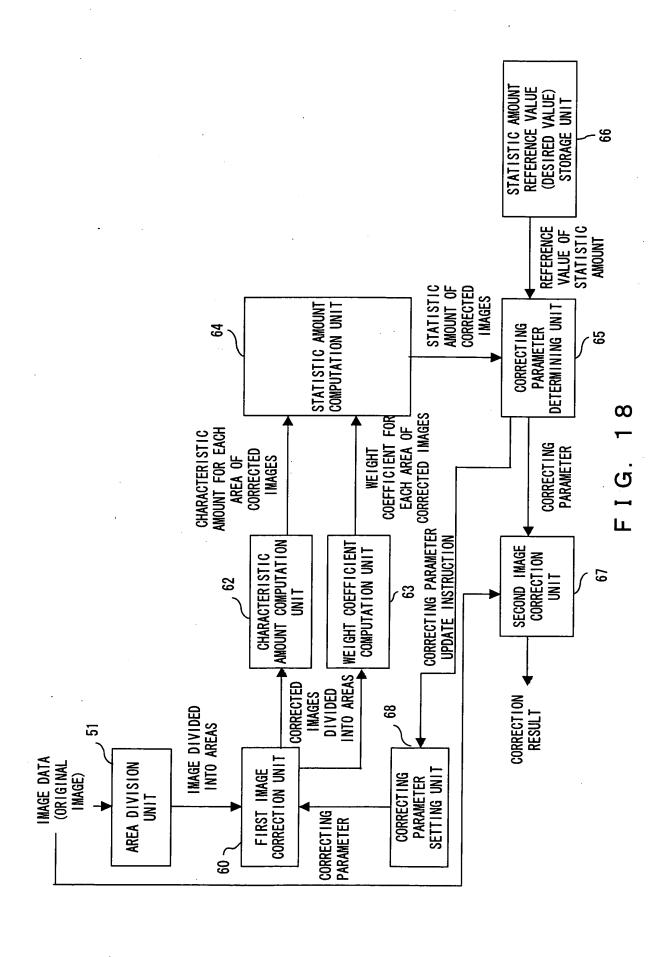
FIG. 13

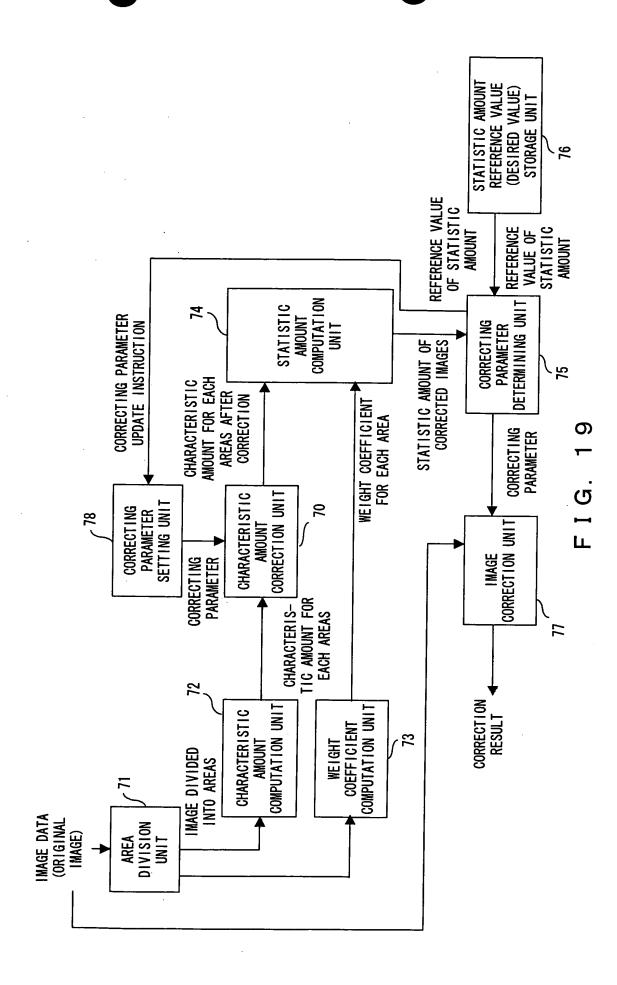












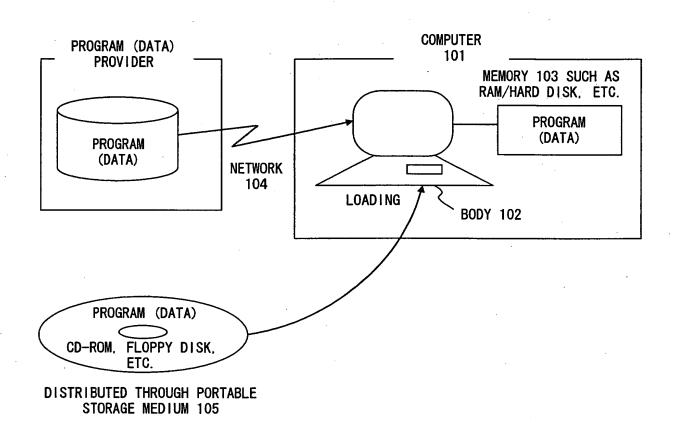


FIG. 20